

March 16, 2016 PAYSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Moore; Council member Linda Carter, Mike Hardy, Brian Hulet, Scott Phillips and Doug Welton; Finance Director Sara Hubbs; City Attorney Mark Sorenson. Councilmember Scott Phillips and City Manager Dave Tuckett excused.

Meeting began at 6:04 pm.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Prayer offered by Daniel Southwick; Pledge of Allegiance led by Tane Keck.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of February 20, 2016 and March 2, 2016 Payson City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Councilmember Hardy to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Welton. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Public Forum opened at 6:09 p.m.

No public forum.

Public Forum closed at 6:09 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS:

ELECTRIC DIRECTOR – Ron Crump said that UAMPS is holding workshop and training on March 30th for all new council members at the Marriott hotel on 2nd East in Salt Lake. He also said that on April 6th they will be hosting an update on the nuclear carbon free project at a conference at St. George.

Ron invited Brian Stevenson, Lib Kirk, and Brad Kearn up to the front of the chambers and recognized them for a national award they received from APPA for achieving excellence and reliability by significantly outperforming electric industrial national average as reported by the energy information administration. He stated these three men are largely responsible for receiving the recognition. He said that they have curtailed a lot of the problems by using SCADA.

Mr. Crump said the electric department also belongs to the IPSA Intermountain Power Superintendent Association. He said they do safety training and train the lineman in the latest techniques. He stated the Electric Department received another 1st place award for the group of 8,000-29,000 hours with no lost-time accidents. Lib has been representing them. He said they received another award for going 5 years without lost-time accidents.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Fire Chief Scott Spencer stated there is a safety luncheon on March 31st at noon in conjunction with healthy choices. He said Mountain View Hospital will be doing a presentation. He said that the only people that should be open burning are Agricultural and Horticultural. He said that he has been working with groups on the great shake out that will occur April 21st. He said they will be testing hand radio type communications. He said the test will help work out the bugs.

Councilmember Hulet asked if a permit is needed for open burning. Scott said they changed it four years ago and everyone in the state will go to the state's website and get a permit. He said the link will be on the city web page.

RECREATION – Recreation Director Karl Teemant stated that they have fertilized on all the fields to help with the growth and repair the damage from last year. He said the gymnastics team is traveling to Salt Lake to compete. He said that co-ed volleyball has started and the open-court pickle ball started. He stated there are some high school invitational softball tournaments that are coming to Payson in April.

POLICE – Chief Bishop stated in the last two weeks the police department handled 530 calls, 55 arrests, 87 offenses, 132 citations, 163 violations, 204 traffic stops, and 22 traffic accidents. He said traffic accidents are still a little high during this time. He reminded council the fun run will be held on April 16th from 11:00 to 1:00. Chief Bishop said that they asked residents on Facebook where the police department can spend more time on traffic and there were about 144 responses. He said April 1st they will pick the good neighbor award.

PARKS – Tracy Zobell said the Peteetneet sprinkler system is moving along well and they are now backfilling the trenches. He said all 18 holes of the golf course are open. He said the men's association open will be this Saturday. He said it is happening earlier than normal due to Easter and LDS conference.

PUBLIC WORKS - Director Travis Jockumsen stated that staff and the Mayor, Councilmember Phillips, and he went to the Utah Water Users Conference and met with Highline while they were down there. He said Highline said they won't be turning on water until May 1st. Councilmember Hardy asked why it was so late. Mayor Moore said that was the typical time. Mr. Jockumsen said that usually it is turned on in mid-april.

Mr. Jockumsen said the city is still at 92% on precipitation, snow water equivalent is down to 70%, and the snow is at 28 inches. He said it's hard to capture the water because the ponds aren't large enough and if they put it in the system then citizens will use it and it will be on and off and they will have a hard time keeping it energized. Councilmember Hardy said that he is hoping that we will have a wetter than normal spring. Mayor Moore said that water graphs were displayed at the conference and it showed that the water was just above normal, so El Nino didn't deliver like expected. Mr. Jockumsen said he introduced the Mayor and Councilmember Phillips to meet the storm water state official.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Hardy said the Chamber will hold its annual community Easter egg hunt on March 26th and it will start at 9:00.

Councilmember Welton said that he just received another petition for recycling and letters from students at Taylor Elementary. He said he did some research on recycling and he said individually it could cost around \$5-\$7 a month for an opt-out program. He said he talked to Sara Hubbs a little bit about putting out a survey out to the public to determine where the citizen's priorities are. He asked where we were with the new website. Mr. Jockumsen said there is a meeting next week to discuss it.

Councilmember Hulet said that there is a competition on KSL to vote for the best city in Utah and Payson is competing against American Fork and invited others to go vote. He stated the pool committee has had meetings with the school district and is trying to get the pool covered without additional costs to the citizens of Payson.

Mayor Moore said the water conference showed that the state as a whole is in trouble in regards to water. He said this year does look better than last year though. He said the Peteetneet is looking good and he is excited to see the water conservation that will be improved. He said next week they have the CDBG grants will be awarded. He said Payson has a couple different grants that were submitted and he is hoping that Payson will receive another grant to help with the roads.

SCOUT ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES – Councilmember Welton presented attendance certificates to the following scouts in attendance: Tane Keck and Daniel Southwick.

ULGT – PRESENTATION OF TRUST ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM (TAP) AWARD

Mr. Brent Okeson with the Utah Local Government Trust company stated that Payson City was awarded 5% back on their liability premium which was \$9,249.25 in recognition of completion of the TAP and in addition a discount on a workers compensation premium. He said the TAP program requires demonstrated performance in the areas of safety committee meetings, return-to-work programs, monitoring and taking action on driver citations, safety action registers, and sewer inspections. He said this program puts practices into place to help prevent losses. He thanked Chief Spencer and City Manager Dave Tuckett for their hard work on heading the safety committee.

Mayor Moore stated his appreciation for the employees and their involvement in achieving this award.

REPORT FROM PAYSON COMMUNITY THEATER

Mr. Byron Moos, the President Elect of the Payson Community Theater board, thanked the city for their continued support and said they had a really good run last year. He introduced the Fall 2016 production of “Into the Woods”. He said that the board really enjoys putting on the plays and it is working board that helps put on the productions. He thanked Payson City for their continued support.

Mayor Moore thanked the Payson Community Theater for all their hard work and commented on the high quality of the shows.

PRESENTATION BY CIRCLES UTAH VALLEY

Ms. Megan Tingey from the Circles Utah Valley introduced the mission of the organization. She said that Circles Utah Valley is a nationwide initiative that came to Utah in 2011 through Community Action Services and Food Bank in Provo. She said the organization works with families on a long-term, in-depth basis to help them move from poverty to self –reliance. She reported that Circles Utah Valley will be opening its third site in Salem on March 24, which will also be available to serve Payson residents.

She related the story of a woman who participated in the program and how she overcame the potential of declaring bankruptcy. She noted that within the first six months of joining 53% of participants decrease their debt; 41% decrease the amount of public assistance they receive; and 35% increase their savings. She invited the City Council and Payson City residents to get involved as a participant or volunteer. She said volunteers can help on a weekly or monthly basis or as available basis.

Councilmember Hulet asked how the citizens of Payson would know that this service is available to them. She said they are working on outreach for the southern end of Utah County.

Councilmember Hulet asked where the location is. She said that it will be at the American Preparatory Academy. Mayor Moore expressed his gratitude for all that the organization does for the community and encouraged others to donate and get involved.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ABANDONED CEMETERY PLOTS

City Attorney Mark Sorenson stated that the resolution outlines the procedures required under Utah law to give notice to owners of cemetery lots that have been owned for 60 years or more, requiring the owner to contact the city and provide the city with evidence of intention to use the lot. If no response is forthcoming, the rights to the lots vest in the city and then the lots can be resold.

He said this resolution will authorize staff to initiate the process under the state law to identify and reclaim cemetery lots that have been historically abandoned and proceed to make those abandoned lots once again available to the public.

He stated there will be three different attempts made to try and contact the owners which are mailing the resolution to the last known address, posting it in the paper, and the last one he couldn't remember.

MOTION by Councilmember Hulet to approve resolution authorizing and initiating the process provided for in state law to identify and reclaim cemetery lots that have been historically abandoned and proceed to make those abandoned lots once again available to the public. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion Carried. Roll Call: All councilmembers present voting aye.

LOCHNER UPDATE ON MAIN STREET INTERCHANGE EIS

MOTION by Councilmember Hardy to table the discussion. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM OPTIONS FOR WASATCH MENTAL HEALTH

Public Works Director Travis Jockumsen stated that staff and Wasatch Mental Health Group would like to receive Council's input regarding a regional sewer lift station. He said Wasatch Mental Health Group Engineer sent some numbers to him last Thursday. He stated the costs would be split three ways between the City, Scott Phillips, and Wasatch Mental Health to construct the lift station with a

connectors reimbursement agreement to have the additional property owners who will pay as they connect into the system. He said the cost is estimated to be \$68,500

Wasatch Mental representatives said that he felt it is fair and appreciated the city working with them.

Councilmember Hulet asked how the project would be funded. Finance Director Sara Hubbs said that the sewer department had an open personnel position that was budgeted for the full year, but the employee only worked two months. She said she talked with Jeff to see if he could postpone filling that position until next budget year. Councilmember Hulet asked how the three parties would be reimbursed. Mr. Jockumsen said that he hasn't dug into the details yet, but they will work it out in the future. Councilmember Hulet said that he is in favor of it and wants to make sure it is reimbursed back based on acreage and ownership of land. Wasatch Mental Health said that this seems to meet the needs of the future and it's a win-win for all parties involved and benefits the city and community. Councilmember Hulet thanked Mr. Jockumsen for putting the information together quickly.

Councilmember Hardy said that he agrees and would like to see this move forward.

Burtis Bills asked if the lift station could include Rosewood. Mr. Jockumsen said that it could be included.

MOTION by Councilmember Welton to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.